The differences between EB-5 and Trump's Gold Card do not address the problem. The EB-5 was introduced in 1990. It was intended to allow individuals willing to invest and create US jobs a quicker way to achieve citizenship. EB-5 was updated and changed periodically starting in 1992 and ending in 2015. One of the persistent problems with the EB-5 program is that it inadvertently allowed for fraud and abuse by foreign nationals. Shell companies were created by those using the EB-5 to funnel money out of the United States and to other countries. Although the Trump administration claims they will have a stricter vetting process, it still does not address the underlying problem. How can the Gold Card system guarantee that fraud and abuse will not occur? The Trump administration has not given an efficient answer. How can the Gold standard system guarantee that those applying are genuinely interested in the prosperity of the United States?

The Trump administration believes the Gold Star program will help pay off the debt. This depends on the number of millionaires willing to pay the $5 million per card. In theory, it could work and if it does work there's no guarantee that the United States will not go in debt again. The United States had balanced budgets in the past and quickly returned to debt. The only time the national debt was fully paid off was 1835. Although between 1998-2001 there was an abundance of expenditures which reduced the national debt, it did not fully remove all deficits. Selling these cards is a short-term solution but no long-term guarantees.

There is also the question of having a gold card. Is citizenship to become a commodity? Will bronze and silver cards exist? Citizenship should not be sold as a commodity but remain that which is earned. Commodifying citizenship reduces its importance.

In my opinion, the cons of the EB-5 will not be reduced and will continue. The Gold Card will only offer a short-term resolution but nothing lasting. It’s also out of step with the America First agenda because it’s giving noncitizens ahead of American-born citizens. Relying on foreigners to save the United States is a bad proposition. If one wants to uplift the United States, then paths for citizens to create jobs and prosper should be considered. Bring jobs to the United States without selling citizenship to the highest bidder. Limit the influence of foreign nationals in the United States, such as limiting the number of resources they can purchase in the United States. Ban lobbyists that work for foreign nationals and make a constitutional amendment that stipulates that the national budget must be balanced without deficits every year. That should be the aim of America First, not globalism in disguise.